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## AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE A-95 REVIEW

Type of Action: Pre-Application \_\_\_\_\_ Notification of Intent X Application \_\_\_\_\_  
Notice of Federal Action \_\_\_\_\_Receipt Date 02/23/2012 SAI Number \_\_\_\_\_ ACH Number \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Identification, Address

Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Attn: Dana Dean, P.E.

Associate Director of Mining

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## Funding:

Federal	\$	N/A
Supplemental	\$	N/A
State	\$	N/A
Local	\$	N/A
Other	\$	N/A
TOTAL	\$	N/A

Applicant's Project Title:

LARGE MINING & RECREATION PLAN APPROVAL  
FOR GOOD EARTH MINERALS, LLC GEM MINE

Description: The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is proposing to approve the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the Gem Mine. Mining activities will affect the following area: Portions of the N1/2 NE1/4 NW1/4, Section 24, Township 43 South, Range 17 West, SLBM, Washington County, Utah.

## AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE COMMENTS ON PROPOSAL FOR FEDERAL AID

Staff review completed (date): 2/23/2012Screening Committee review completed (date): 03/14/2012

Referred to original for additional information (date)

- ☒ Recommend Approval X Comments (see reverse side of page) X
- ☐ Conditionally approved as follows (see reverse side of page) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Recommend Disapproval \_\_\_\_\_ Comments (see reverse side of page) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ The project described above ( X ) does ( ) does not conform with the policy or planning of the multi-jurisdictional area it directly impacts. Additional information ( ) Is ( X ) **Is not needed.**
- ☐ We also serve notice that all requirements of the Project Notification and Review System for this multi-jurisdictional area have been met. Therefore, attach this letter to your application and forward to the federal funding agency.
- ☐ If this project will be a renewal or continuation grant, please submit your application next year to this areawide clearinghouse for re-review 30 days prior to submission to federal funding agency.
- ☐ We would anticipate reviewing final project application 30 days prior to submission for funding.

If any Clearinghouse Comments go unresolved, Federal law requires the Applicant to attach a copy of all negative comments to the project application and forward them both to the Federal Funding Agency(ies).

  
Authorizing Official

March 14, 2012

Date

Copy of review sent to applicant

## **AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE COMMENTS**

**The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining proposes to authorize a large gypsum mining operation on approximately 13 acre3s of land southwest of St. George in an area known as Blakes Lambing Grounds. Previously authorized mining is already occurring on the site. Regional policies support prudent mining operations that comply with appropriate regulatory measures. Applications are being submitted to Washington County for conditional use approval. Local residents are expressing concerns with the proposed mining operations. (Ken Sizemore)**